

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Southern District of Ohio

In the Matter of the Search of

*(Briefly describe the property to be searched
or identify the person by name and address)*The cellular telephone assigned call number (614)
971-1596, with international mobile subscriber identity
number 310150717336468

Case No.

2:19-mj-9

APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property *(identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location)*:

See Attachment A to the Affidavit in Support of this Application, all incorporated herein.

located in the Southern District of Ohio, there is now concealed *(identify the person or describe the property to be seized)*:

See Attachment B to the Affidavit in Support of this Application, all incorporated herein.

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is *(check one or more)*:

- ☒ evidence of a crime;
- ☐ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;
- ☐ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;
- ☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of:

Code Section
21 U.S.C. 846

Offense Description
Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a controlled substance

The application is based on these facts:
See attached Affidavit.

- ☒ Continued on the attached sheet.
- ☐ Delayed notice of _____ days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days: _____) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 01/08/2019City and state: Columbus, Ohio

Applicant's signature
Special Agent James Rose, DEA
Printed name and title

Judge's signature
Hon. Kimberly A. Jolson, U.S. Magistrate Judge
Printed name and title

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH OF
THE CELLULAR TELEPHONE ASSIGNED
CALL NUMBER (614) 971-1596, WITH
INTERNATIONAL MOBILE SUBSCRIBER
IDENTITY NUMBER 310150717336468

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Filed Under Seal

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
AN APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT**

I, **James Rose**, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND

1. I make this affidavit in support of an application for a search warrant under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 2703(c)(1)(A) for information about the location of the cellular telephone assigned call number (614) 971-1596, with International Mobile Subscriber Identity Number 310150717336468 (the “**Target Cell Phone**”), whose service provider is **AT&T/Cricket Wireless**, a wireless telephone service provider headquartered at 208 S. Akard St. Dallas, Texas with a legal compliance section located at 11760 U.S. Highway 1, Suite 600, North Palm Beach, Florida. The **Target Cell Phone** is described herein and in Attachment A, and the location information to be seized is described herein and in Attachment B.

2. I am a Special Agent with the **United States Drug Enforcement Administration** (DEA) since September 2017. I am assigned to the Detroit Field Division, Columbus District Office. As such, I am an “investigative or law enforcement officer” of the United States within the meaning of Title 18 U.S.C. § 2510(7), that is, an officer of the United States empowered by law to conduct criminal investigations and make arrests for offenses enumerated in 18 U.S.C. § 2516. I am empowered to investigate, to make arrests with or without warrants, and to execute

search warrants under the authority of 21 U.S.C. § 878. Before becoming a Special Agent, I was an active duty U.S. Army Officer for 4 years and worked in Corporate Loss Prevention and Investigations for a total of 7 years. Your Affiant has accumulated the following training and experience:

Completed the DEA Basic Agent Training Academy in Quantico, VA where I have received specialized narcotics-related training includes drug identification, interview and interrogation, managing informants, undercover operations, conspiracy investigations, surveillance and electronic monitoring techniques, tactical application of narcotics enforcement, search and seizure law, pharmaceutical diversion, clandestine drug labs, marijuana cultivation and money laundering investigations. I continue to receive training on a daily basis by conducting criminal narcotics investigations with, and drawing on the expertise of agents more experienced than myself.

3. The facts in this affidavit come from my personal observations, my training and experience, and information obtained from other agents and witnesses. This affidavit is intended to show merely that there is sufficient probable cause for the requested warrant and does not set forth all of my knowledge about this matter.

PROBABLE CAUSE

4. In or around early April, 2018, investigators with the Columbus, Ohio DEA office made contact with a Source of Information (SOI) claiming to have information regarding the distribution of illegal narcotics in the Central Ohio area. Through follow-on investigations, investigators were able to develop an SOI with direct, first-hand knowledge of a cell from Nayarit, Mexico affiliated to the Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generacion (CJNG).

5. Investigators were provided with information that an individual known as Ivan LOMELI was present in the Columbus, Ohio area and was in possession or control of a large amount of cocaine. Additionally, investigators were provided with phone number (614) 446-3757 as a means to contact LOMELI.

6. Subsequent toll analysis revealed that phone number (614) 446-3757 was previously in contact with telephones that were involved in federal narcotics investigations as of April and May, 2018. On April 19, 2018, investigators were able to get a state court order authorizing geolocation data services of (614) 446-3757. Through court-ordered geo-location data investigators were able to place phone number (614) 446-3757 in the presence of IVAN LOMELI, who was identified through photographs obtained from the SOI and through open sources.

7. As of June, 2018, investigators were further informed by the SOI that ROBERT LOMELI was also currently in Columbus, Ohio, working in narcotics trafficking operations with IVAN LOMELI. Specifically, as of June, 2018, the SOI informed law enforcement that IVAN LOMELI was working for ROBERT LOMELI, and that ROBERT LOMELI was expecting a large shipment of illegal narcotics into Columbus, Ohio, for drug trafficking operations.

8. Furthermore, the SOI informed investigators that ROBERT LOMELI had recently been arrested in California for narcotics violations. Through searches of law-enforcement databases, investigators learned that an individual named Roberto Fabian LOMELI-BANUELOS had been arrested in California during May, 2017, and charged with Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Cocaine. Furthermore, Roberto Fabian LOMELI-BANUELOS had been investigated in connection with money laundering and firearms violations. Investigators contacted members of the DEA Orange County (California) Office and were informed that, to their knowledge, Roberto Fabian LOMELI-BANUELOS was not incarcerated. Furthermore, based on

the investigation, the LOMELI-BANUELOS DTO, the Drug Trafficking Organization (DTO) with which ROBERT LOMELI is associated, has known ties to Ohio.

9. Based on the foregoing, and upon the investigation to date, investigators believe ROBERT LOMELI is in fact Roberto Fabian LOMELI-BANUELOS.

10. Investigators were able to identify ROBERT LOMELI through surveillance photographs taken by Columbus Police Department's Narcotics Unit from a related investigation. These photographs placed ROBERT LOMELI in Columbus, Ohio, in the month of June 2018.

11. Through tolls analysis investigators learned that the provided number for Robert LOMELI of (614) 972-3944 was in contact with phone numbers from multiple current federal narcotics investigations. In July of 2018, investigators were able to obtain a federal search warrant for the geo-location data for (614) 972-3944, but the account had been closed before the geo-location data could be initiated.

12. Based on the investigation, law enforcement identified (614) 615-4220 as a phone number associated with IVAN LOMELI. Through tolls analysis of (614) 615-4220, investigators found a frequent contact of **(614) 971-1596, the Target Cell Phone**. Through an administrative subpoena investigators learned that this phone is registered to a moniker of "Luis Miguel" with a billing address of a Cricket Wireless store where the account was opened. Tolls analysis revealed that this phone frequently contacts the primary phones in use by the LOMELI DTO, multiple Mexican phone numbers that are involved in federal narcotics investigations, and two El Paso, Texas-based phone numbers that are involved in federal narcotics investigations. While de-conflicting the target phone number, agents learned that information had been provided to another federal agency that the person associated with the **(614) 971-1596** number, the **Target Cell Phone**, owes the cartel a large sum of money.

13. Investigators have not been able to locate a valid address, additional vehicle registrations, or any other documentation associated to members of the LOMELI-BANUELOS DTO through open source searches.

14. In summary, investigators have been able to repeatedly and independently verify information that has been obtained through the SOI. Investigators have verified this information on multiple occasions through database searches, records checks, surveillance, and speaking with other law-enforcement officers. Investigators have not been able to make contact with the SOI for more than 6 weeks. Previous phone numbers that were provided have since had the accounts closed.

15. Investigators have placed Robert LOMELI and IVAN LOMELI in Columbus, Ohio. Investigators believe that ROBERT and IVAN LOMELI's presence in the Columbus, Ohio area, in connection with the DTO's known connections to Ohio, indicates strongly their involvement in the distribution of the DTO's illegal narcotics, and remittance of the proceeds of their sales.

16. Investigators believe a phone ping/E-911 court order, for phone number **(614) 971-1596**, with International Mobile Subscriber Identity Number **310150717336468**, is a reasonable and necessary step in furtherance of this investigation for the identification of persons, vehicles, and locations involved in the DTO's narcotics-trafficking operation. Investigators believe that the person in possession of the **Target Cell Phone** is likely one of the core members of the DTO, and investigators find it essential to the investigation to identify the person in possession of the phone.

17. In my training and experience, I have learned that **AT&T/Cricket Wireless** is a company that provides cellular telephone access to the general public. I also know that providers of cellular telephone service have technical capabilities that allow them to collect and generate at

least two kinds of information about the locations of the cellular telephones to which they provide service: (1) E-911 Phase II data, also known as GPS data or latitude-longitude data, and (2) cell-site data, also known as “tower/face information” or cell tower/sector records. E-911 Phase II data provides relatively precise location information about the cellular telephone itself, either via GPS tracking technology built into the phone or by triangulating on the device’s signal using data from several of the provider’s cell towers. Cell-site data identifies the “cell towers” (i.e., antenna towers covering specific geographic areas) that received a radio signal from the cellular telephone and, in some cases, the “sector” (i.e., faces of the towers) to which the telephone connected. These towers are often a half-mile or more apart, even in urban areas, and can be 10 or more miles apart in rural areas. Furthermore, the tower closest to a wireless device does not necessarily serve every call made to or from that device. Accordingly, cell-site data is typically less precise than E-911 Phase II data.

18. Based on my training and experience, I know that **AT&T/Cricket Wireless** can collect E-911 Phase II data about the location of the **Target Cell Phone**, including by initiating a signal to determine the location of the **Target Cell Phone** on **AT&T**’s network or with such other reference points as may be reasonably available.

19. Based on my training and experience, I know that **AT&T** can collect cell-site data about the **Target Cell Phone**.

AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

20. Based on the foregoing, I request that the Court issue the proposed search warrant, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41 and 18 U.S.C. § 2703(c).

21. I further request, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3103a(b) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 41(f)(3), that the Court authorize the officer executing the warrant to delay notice until

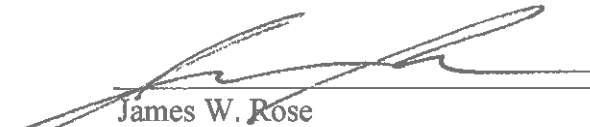
30 days after the collection authorized by the warrant has been completed. There is reasonable cause to believe that providing immediate notification of the warrant may have an adverse result, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2705. Providing immediate notice to the subscriber or user of the **Target Cell Phone** would seriously jeopardize the ongoing investigation, as such a disclosure would give that person an opportunity to destroy evidence, change patterns of behavior, notify confederates, and flee from prosecution. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3103a(b)(1). As further specified in Attachment B, which is incorporated into the warrant, the proposed search warrant does not authorize the seizure of any tangible property. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3103a(b)(2). Moreover, to the extent that the warrant authorizes the seizure of any wire or electronic communication (as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 2510) or any stored wire or electronic information, there is reasonable necessity for the seizure for the reasons set forth above. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3103a(b)(2).

22. I further request that the Court direct **AT&T/Cricket Wireless** to disclose to the government any information described in Attachment B that is within the possession, custody, or control of **AT&T/Cricket Wireless**. I also request that the Court direct **AT&T/Cricket Wireless** to furnish the government all information, facilities, and technical assistance necessary to accomplish the collection of the information described in Attachment B unobtrusively and with a minimum of interference with **AT&T/Cricket Wireless's** services, including by initiating a signal to determine the location of the **Target Cell Phone** on **AT&T/Cricket Wireless's** network or with such other reference points as may be reasonably available, and at such intervals and times directed by the government. The government shall reasonably compensate **AT&T/Cricket Wireless** for reasonable expenses incurred in furnishing such facilities or assistance.

23. I further request that the Court authorize execution of the warrant at any time of day or night, owing to the potential need to locate the **Target Cell Phone** outside of daytime hours.

24. I further request that the Court order that all papers in support of this application, including the affidavit and search warrant, be sealed until further order of the Court. These documents discuss an ongoing criminal investigation that is neither public nor known to all of the targets of the investigation. Accordingly, there is good cause to seal these documents because their premature disclosure may seriously jeopardize that investigation.

Respectfully submitted,


James W. Rose
Special Agent
DEA

Subscribed and sworn to before me on January 8, 2018

2019


KIMBERLY S. STANLEY
STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

ATTACHMENT A

Property to Be Searched

1. The cellular telephone assigned call number **(614) 971-1596**, whose wireless service provider is **AT&T/Cricket Wireless**, a wireless telephone service provider headquartered at 208 S. Akard St. Dallas, Texas with a legal compliance section located at 11760 U.S. Highway 1, Suite 600, North Palm Beach, Florida.

2. Information about the location of the **Target Cell Phone** that is within the possession, custody, or control of **AT&T/Cricket Wireless**.

ATTACHMENT B

Particular Things to be Seized

All information about the location of the **Target Cell Phone** described in Attachment A for a period of thirty days, during all times of day and night. “Information about the location of the **Target Cell Phone**” includes all available E-911 Phase II data, GPS data, latitude-longitude data, and other precise location information, as well as all data about which “cell towers” (i.e., antenna towers covering specific geographic areas) and “sectors” (i.e., faces of the towers) received a radio signal from the cellular telephone described in Attachment A.

To the extent that the information described in the previous paragraph (hereinafter, “Location Information”) is within the possession, custody, or control of **AT&T/Cricket Wireless**, **AT&T/Cricket Wireless** is required to disclose the Location Information to the government. In addition, **AT&T/Cricket Wireless** must furnish the government all information, facilities, and technical assistance necessary to accomplish the collection of the Location Information unobtrusively and with a minimum of interference with **AT&T/Cricket Wireless**’s services, including by initiating a signal to determine the location of the **Target Cell Phone** on **AT&T/Cricket Wireless**’s network or with such other reference points as may be reasonably available, and at such intervals and times directed by the government. The government shall compensate **AT&T/Cricket Wireless** for reasonable expenses incurred in furnishing such facilities or assistance.

This warrant does not authorize the seizure of any tangible property. In approving this warrant, the Court finds reasonable necessity for the seizure of the Location Information. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3103a(b)(2).